SUPPORTERS OF A BIG NAVY WIN

Economy Caucus of Democrats a Flat Failure.

UNABLE TO OBTAIN QUORUM

THE TWO-BATTLESHIP MEN STAY AWAY.

Only Seventy-three Members of House Majority Appear—As There Will Be No Pledge to Bind Them, and as Republicans Are With Them, the Big Navy Democrats Will Put Through at Least Two Battleships — Sherwood Makes Pension Speech.

Washington, February 8.—No caucus pledge will bind the House Democrats this year when they vote on the appropriation for battleship construction. An "economy caucus," called for tonight by members opposed to the authorization of any battleships in the Naval Appropriation Bill at this session, failed to materialize as a result of the absence of practically all Democratic members who favor an increased Navy. Only 73 members appeared, and as 112 were needed for a quorum, the meeting adjourned after listening to a pension speech by Representative Sherwood, of Ohio.

Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Underwood were present, although it is an open secret that both opposed the calling of the caucus. Only three members of the Naval Committee attended, Representatives Hensley, of Missouri, and Tribble, of Georgia, opposed to battleships, and Talbott, of Maryland, who made the point of no quorum and moved adjournment. The absence of a quorum was not unexpected, word having been passed yesterday that the "two battleship" men were to stay away to make certain there should be no action.

It is stated that the Naval Committee is certain to recommend the construction of at least two battleships, and, with a large majority of Republicans in the House favoring an increased Navy, the big navy advocates say there is no doubt about favorabel action on the committee's report.

Representative Curley, of Massachusetts, said tonight that early next week Democratic members standing for a "progressive naval policy" would hold a conference to agree upon a course of action.

STRIKE SEEMS PROBABLE

Firemen on Eastern Roads Have Concluded Balloting.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 8.—Unless the 54 railroads east of Chicago and north of the Potomac agree to arbitrate the wage difference with their firemen under the provisions of the Erdman act, the firemen and enginemen on these roads will strike as the result of the ballots which have just been concluded.

While no official announcement is expected until next Monday, it was learned late today that the vote, which has been in progress two weeks, is overwhelmingly in favor of a strike, the ratio being, it is asserted in some quarters, 3 to 1 in favor of such action.

A conference has been called for Monday between President W. S. Carter, of the brotherhood, and representatives of all the roads affected. The result of the vote will then be announced, and it will be up to the railroads to make the next move.

Elisha Lee, who is chairman of the conference committee of the railroad managers, said today that he had heard that the firemen had voted to strike.

"If the firemen announce that their committee will call out the men," said Mr. Lee, "the railroads will at once take steps to prepare for the operation of trains under strike conditions. The companies feel, however, that such a catastrophe should, in the public interest, be prevented at all hazards."

The firemen have been willing to arbitrate the questions at issue to a committee organized under the provisions of the Erdman act, but the railroads want a larger committee, seven being the number of committeemen most in favor.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Wilson Completes First Draft, but May Change It.

Princeton, N. J., February 8.—President-elect Wilson today completed the first draft of his inaugural address. He acted as his own stenographer in producing the document. He began sketching it in shorthand on Thursday and resumed the task today, copying the notes himself on a little typewriter in his studio. It is about 2,000 words long, he said, but he may add to or abbreviate it further.

"I haven't looked up any of the other inaugural addresses," he said, "so I don't know whether this one is longer or shorter." He indicated he was not quite satisfied with the address and might change it somewhat before giving it to the newspapers for advance distribution.

The Governor's attention was called to the report alleging that Senator William Alden Smith, of Michigan, had charged Democratic senators with having been inspired by the President-elect to block confirmation of Mr. Taft's nominations.

"Yes, I saw that report," remarked the Governor, but made no further comment.

The Governor was told of the prediction in some quarters that the dispatch of warships to Central American waters augured further disturbances in Latin America which might come to a head in a few months.

"I am as yet uninformed about these things," he said.

The President-elect will spend Sunday at home with his family.

Here's The Man

That Cures Sick Headache, Sour, Bloated Stomach, Inactive Kidneys, Rheumatism and that Dreary, Languid, Despondent Feeling.

Dr. W. S. Burkhart As He Is Today. Owes His Robust Health and Gain of 90 Pounds to Taking His Own Medicine, As Needed, for the Past 25 Years.

It won't take thirty days, but any druggist in this vicinity will give you thirty days to prove that Dr. Burkhart's Vegetable Compound will cure you for only 25 cents. Just think of Dr. Burkhart having carried out this policy for twenty-five years! Do you wonder that twelve million of his treatments are used every year?

Imagine, if you can, the wonderful relief to such a host of people, who learned through the doctor's generosity that his Vegetable Compound does all he claims and he guarantees the result.

Isn't it a fine thought that all the druggists agree with him and all you do is to deposit the small price, 25 cents, and if you are not cured or satisfied, you can get your 25 cents back by merely asking for it. Get the treatment today. Be sure to ask for and see that you get Dr. Burkhart's Vegetable Compound.

LEASE VOID IF RATS ANNOY

Court Decides Landlord Must Exterminate Rodents.

Special Dispatch to The American.

New York, February 8.—The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that if rats "hold nightly meetings and performances in the walls and ceilings" of your apartment you are justified in breaking your lease and leaving the rats in exclusive possession of the apartment. The court accordingly reversed a judgment of the Appellate term which held that the landlord could hold a tenant to his lease, rats or no rats. The decision is the first of the kind in a higher court.

The question was before the court in the suit of the Barnard Realty Company against Carl Bonwit, in which the landlord sought to hold the tenant for the rent of the top floor of a new apartment-house, and the defense was that the tenant was driven out by the rats in less than two months. In upholding the contetion that the presence of the rats amounted to constructive eviction of the tenant, Justice Clarke said:

"Very large numbers of people live in tenement houses, apartment houses and apartment hotels in this city. Such tenants have, and can have, control only of the inside of their own limited premises. Conditions unknown to the ancient common law are thus created. This requires elasticity in the application of the principle thereof. An intolerable condition which the tenant neither causes nor can remedy seems to me to warrant the doctrine of constructive eviction.

"This tenant could not pull down the walls or the ceilings. He and his family ought not to be compelled to pay rent for an apartment in which they could not live. We think the flat dweller was justified in his abandonment of the premises."

The court said, however, that the rule laid down does not apply to "bugs or ants within the apartment, which can be dealt with by the processes known to all housewives."

CUBA HAS NOT REPLIED

Demand for Punishment for Newspaper Attack.

Havana, February 8.—The Cuban government has not yet replied to the note of Arthur M. Beaupre, the American minister who, acting under the directions of the State Department at Washington yesterday demanded that measures be taken for the punishment of the persons responsible for the recent attacks on the American legation by the newspaper Cuba.

Secretary of State Sanguily has submitted Mr. Beaupre's note to the Prosecutor of the Supreme Court with instructions to report on what legal course should be pursued.

The Cuban newspapers, which up to today had published no word of reprobation in reference to the attack on the American minister, are now joining in their advocacy of the expulsion of the Spanish editor, Jose Villaverde, who, however, considers himself protected by the Congressional Immunity of the Conservative representative, Senor Soto, the nominal editor of Cuba.

The paper announces that it will continue its attack against the members of the American legation. It is reported that President Gomez will send a message to Congress Monday advocating the modification of the section of the Constitution relative to immunity of congressmen from punishment.

Mr. Beaupre has received from the foreign diplomatic representatives assurances of their sympathy and offers of active support later, which, however, he courteously declined.

Died in West Africa.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Hagerstown, Md., February 8.—David H. Spielman, assistant street superintendent, this afternoon received intelligence of the death, on December 22, of his son, Rev. Raymond Spielman, a missionary at Station Yema, near Boma, Congo Belge, West Africa. The letter, sent by Rev. C. B. Welles, stated that Rev. Mr. Spielman died of black fever after an illness of three days. Rev. Mr. Spielman was 30 years old and was unmarried. He was a native of Hagerstown and was connected with the Christian Missionary Alliance. He was educated at Nyack, N. Y., and for a time was an instructor at a missionary school at Golden, N. C. While at the latter place he aided a posse of federal officers in raiding a moonshiners' camp, and escaped death by a narrow margin. He is survived by his parents and the following brothers and sisters: Thomas H., of Gloversville, N. Y.; Richard M., Guy M., Leslie K. and Evers S., this city; Mrs. Lizzie Ilg and Mrs. Cora M. Smith, Warren, Wyo.

M'CAULEY-OLIVER WEDDING

Taft, Cabinet Members and Senators Are Present.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, D. C., February 8.—President Taft and his daughter, Helen, attended the marriage at noon today in historic St. John's Church of Miss Jean Oliver, daughter of Senator Oliver, of Pennsylvania, to Lieutenant Commander Edward W. McCauley, U. S. N. The bride was only attended by Mrs. J. Hopkins Smith, of New York, as matron of honor.

The Senate adjourned long enough to allow Miss Oliver's friends in the upper house to witness the ceremony. Secretary of State Knox and Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Franklin MacVeagh were among the Cabinet members present.

House of Correction.

Special Dispatch to The American.

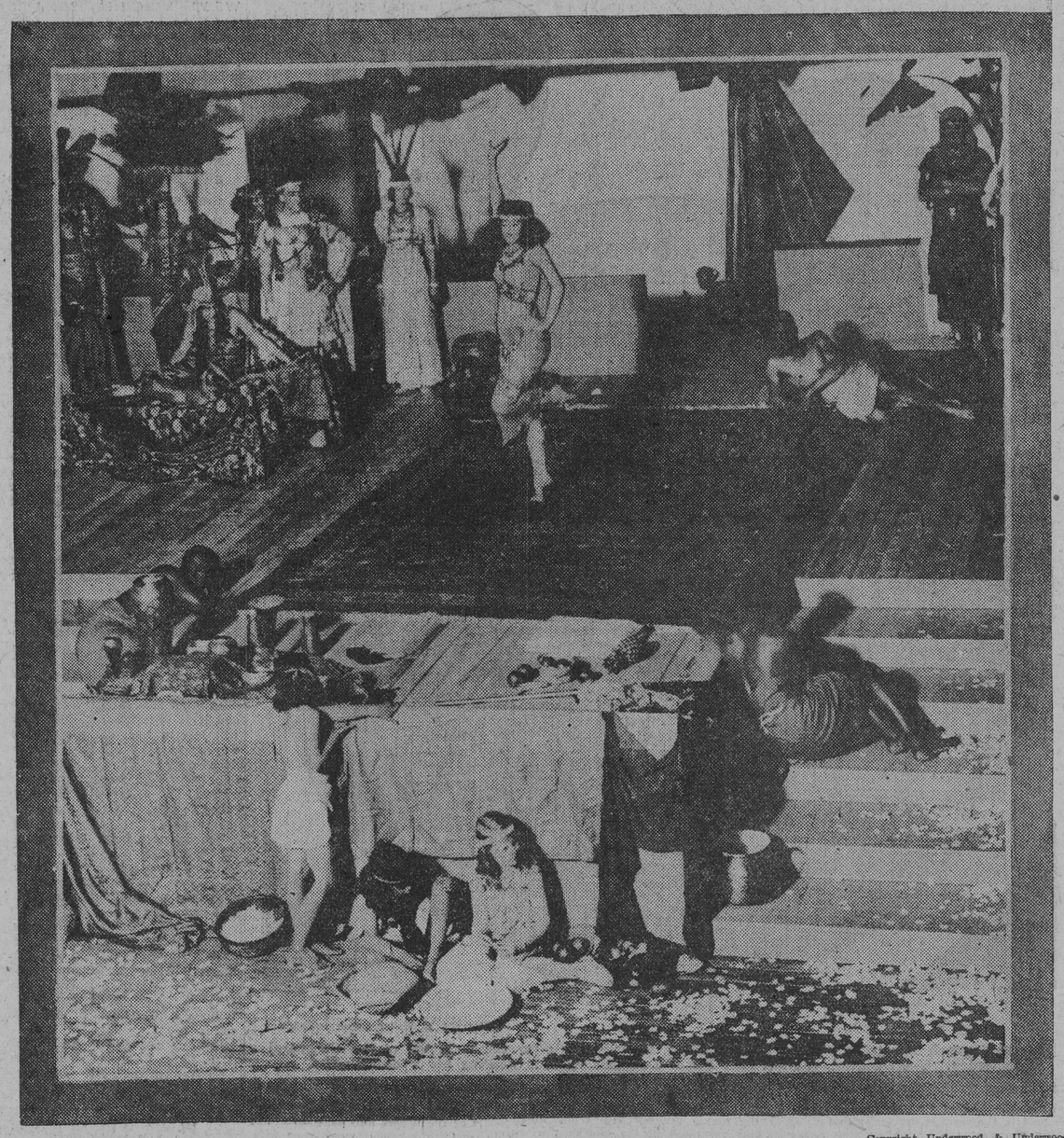
Jessup, Md., February 8.—Construction of the additional buildings at the House of Correction is to be done by the David M. Andrews Company, of Baltimore, and not by the contractor from Ohio, whose bid for the job was the lowest when estimates were asked for some weeks ago. The award of the contract to the Ohio concern was made with the stipulation that satisfactory bond be furnished. Since that time, it is said, every effort has been made by the committee to get the contractor to furnish a satisfactory bond, but he had failed to offer one which would be acceptable. His bid was for $68,000. The bid of the Andrews Company was $85,000. The buildings at the House of Correction will be enlarged to provide for a new dining hall, laundry, kitchen, bakeshop and hospital and the remodeling of other parts of the buildings. At the last meeting of the General Assembly $100,000 was appropriated for these improvements.

Miss Curley's Burns Fatal.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Laurel, Md., February 8. — Miss Elizabeth Curley, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Curley, Prince George street, died today at the Providence Hospital, Washington, from burns she received here two months ago when her dress caught fire.

A GORGEOUS EGYPTAIN FETE WHICH CLOSED NEW YORK'S SOCIAL SEASON



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An entertainment that is considered to have eclipsed the famous Bradley Martin fancy dress ball was given by Mr. Louis C. Tiffany, the rich New Yorker, to more than four hundred of the social elect of New York's society. This affair wound up New York's social season and was held just before the beginning of Lent. Every guest wore a costume prevalent in the time of Cleopatra. Some of those who were present were John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and Mrs. Rockefeller; C. H. Alexander and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Gilder and hundreds of others socially prominent. The photograph shows the scene during the Egyptian pantomime, based on the return of Marc Antony and welcomed by the famous Cleopatra. In the center of the stage the classic dancer, Miss Ruth St. Denis, is going through the gyrations of one of her dances for the edification of Cleopatra, who, as impersonated by Miss Hedwig Reicher, the actress, is seen reclining on a divan on the left of the picture, watching the dancer. Immediately behind Cleopatra can be seen Marc Antony, as impersonated by Pedro de Cordoba. The ladies-in-waiting on the stage are all socially prominent. Rose leaves can be seen scattered over the floor leading up the stairway to the stage, strewn by the little flower girls in the foreground, on the arrival of the Queen.

WOMEN VANDALS DESTROY PLANTS

PLAY HAVOC IN LONDON'S HORTICULTURAL GARDENS.

The English Suffragettes Believed to Have Hidden Themselves in the Gardens Over Night—Cutting of Telegraph Wires Causes Delay in Transmission of Telegrams—Window-Smashing Raids.

London, February 8.—Militant suffragettes destroyed many valuable plants and did other damage reaching a total of $5,000 in the hothouses of the Kew Horticultural Gardens during the early hours of this morning. Thus they developed another part of their plan of campaign to force the government to give the vote to women.

It is believed a number of women hid themselves in the gardens over night, for this morning long before the day staff came on duty it was found that a large number of rare orchids had been uprooted and scattered in all directions. Thirty panes of glass in the orchid houses were broken.

When the night watchmen made their rounds at 1 o'clock in the morning everything was still in good order and the women must have laid their plans well beforehand in order to find hiding places where they could lie in security. No trace of them has since been found.

The window smashing raids continued in London today. Two immense windows in an establishment in Oxford street, which has heretofore been immune because of the proprietor's contributions to the women's funds, were broken during the early morning hours.

The postal authorities today issued a notice that there would be delay on all telegrams to the North of England, as the result of the cutting of the telegraph wires in the provinces by the suffragettes yesterday.

Kew Gardens was one of the show places closed after some suffragettes smashed several glass cases in the jewel room of the Tower of London. When the curio cases were shattered the government ordered all palaces and gardens in Great Britain closed to the public and in this way it was thought that the suffragettes would be circumvented.

A few days ago all of the cabinet ministers received red pepper by post, and the letter-box attacks have become so common in London that they excite little attention nowadays. The women pour into the pillar boxes acids and grease that destroy letters, and in a few cases they have put combustibles that ignite when postmen collect the mails. Hundreds of letters have been destroyed. In Dundee several postmen were painfully burned by combustibles.

The lists of those invited to levees and court functions now are under more vigilant scrutiny than ever before, and all women attending such must show identifications to guard against the militants.

Whenever King George and Queen Mary go out they are under the most eagle-eyed surveillance to keep off the militants and all cabinet ministers are closely guarded in their homes, in their offices and on the streets.

Votes for women is the nightmare of Great Britain and the government is seriously considering a plan to mete out more drastic punishment to those women who are caught in the act and arrested.

ATROCITIES IN THE WAR ZONE

BOSTON GIRL'S STORY OF OUTRAGES BY TURKS.

Writes That the Ferocious Arabs, Kurds and Tartars Are Armed and Incited to Terrorize Christians — The Young Turks, She Charges, Permit These Terrible Conditions to Continue.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Boston, February 8.—Horrible atrocities perpetrated by the Turks against Christians in the war zone are charged in a letter received here today from a Boston girl, Olympia A. Bosdan, Greek by birth, now in the Balkans. Torture, rapine and merciless slaughter are abroad through every land where the Moslem hordes, crazed by the defeat of their arms, are swarming to wreak their vengeance on the unarmed "infidels," writes the girl in an urgent appeal to American missionary societies to bring their influence to the aid of the victims.

The letter was wired from Saloniki to Brandizzi and mailed from there to Miss Bosdan's brother in Boston. It is the most definite and startling bit of description that so far has escaped the censorship of the Turkish authorities.

"Today the inlands of Asia Minor are what Macedonia was before the war," writes the girl. "In Armenia murder and rapine are in full sway. Not a day passes unless some Moslem tribe, armed to the teeth, attacks some defenseless Christian villager. Ferocious Arabs, Pharsys, Kurds, Tartars and Cherkesses of the Far Eastern Provinces are being armed, incited and financed to terrorize Christians.

"The Moslem refugees from Macedonia were sent to the Asiatic provinces to wreak vengeance upon the Anatolian Christians. Everp day thousands of Christian petitioners are coming to Constantinople to pray for protection for their wives, sisters and daughters. These unfortunates are compelled to witness the outrage of their women.

"The enlightened and progressive Turks rejoice in the fall of the Ottoman arms in the Balkans as sincerely as they have rejoiced in the fall of the Red Sultan.

"Thousands of Christian women are still missing and the brutes, the Young Turks, who allow these conditions, call themselves the 'Party of Union and Progress.' And this same 'Party of Union and Progress' is now threatening the massacre of the Christians in Asia Minor, should the allies march into the capital of Turkey.

"Since the beginning of the Balkan War, many thousand Christians have been killed in Anatolia by the Moslem fanatics.

"During the Young Turk regime, down to the opening of the Balkan War, according to the per capita list, 15,000 Christians were killed. These figures do not include the victims of the infamous Adana massacre. The Moslem courts of the Empire are deaf to the appeals of the Christians for justice. The Anatolian regulars, who on horseback are leading the fanatical Moslem mobs toward the Christian districts, and carrying as booty scores of Christian maidens, are being rewarded as noble knights, patriots and the mighty defenders of their faith. Throughout all the Asiatic provinces life and honor are at a premium."

INDIAN WOMEN IN SUFFRAGE PARADE

DAWN MIST TO LEAD MOUNTED TROOP.

Daughter of Chief Three Bears Will Bring Ten Indian Maidens to Washington — She Has Given Much Thought to the Movement. To Live in Own Tepees While in the Capital.

Washington, February 8.—Dawn Mist, daughter of Chief Three Bears, of the Glacier National Park Indians, will command a troop of mounted Indian maidens in the cavalry division of the woman's suffrage pageant here on March 3. This is said to be the first time Indian women have taken any part in the nation-wide movement for extending the franchise to women.

In Dawn Mist's troop will be 10 maidens, all selected as being the most representative of their tribe. All will be dressed in their tribal ceremonial costumes and be mounted on Indian ponies richly caprisoned with elaborate Indian bead work.

Dawn Mist, who has given much thought to the woman's suffrage movement, succeeded in obtaining the co-operation of Louis W. Hill, son of James J. Hill, who has agreed to provide transportation for the young women. While in Washington the Indian girls will live in their own tepees on a camp ground provided for them.

The cavalry division of the pageant is taking large proportions. It is believed at suffrage headquarters that nearly 200 mounted women will be distributed through the procession. The division will be commanded by Miss Genevieve Wimsatt, of Maryland.

It is practically assured that one large section will be composed of women wage-earners. Several of the women's labor unions of Washington already have signified their intention of marching.

Hagerstown Postoffice.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, February 8.—Senator Jackson introduced a bill into the Senate today appropriating $40,000 to increase the facilities of the postoffice at Hagerstown. In 1909 a new postoffice building was erected at Hagerstown at a cost of $85,000. Very soon after the building was occupied it became evident that it was not sufficient to accommodate the business of the city, and an urgent demand arose from the people of Hagerstown for an increase in the capacity of the postal facilities. The Postoffice Department has frequently urged an appropriation to enlarge the building, and the supervising architect of the treasury has endorsed the recommendation of the Postoffice Department. Senator Jackson is hopeful that his amendment can be incorporated in the public buildings bill, which will be passed at this session of Congress.

Postal Banks for Porto Rico.

Washington, February 8.—Postmaster General Hitchcock today directed the extension of the postal savings system to the 16 postoffices of presidential grade in Porto Rico. They are the first outside the United States.

To encourage the use of English among the inhabitants, all blanks and certificates will be printed in that language

DENY TRUTH OF GRAFT CHARGES

POLICE CAPTAINS BEFORE COMMISSIONER WALDO.

The Story of James Purcell Will Be Investigated in All Its Ramifications—Extraordinary Session of Grand Jury to Hear Further Details Tomorrow — Whitman Will Seek Indictments.

New York, February 8.—The most drastic investigation of police graft that has been attempted since Police Lieutenant Charles Becker's hired gunmen shot Herman Rosenthal to death last July is declared today to be under way as a result of the story told to the aldermanic committee yesterday by James Purcell, who ran games of chance in many houses under police protection for nearly seventeen years, according to his testimony.

"Purcell's story will be investigated in all its ramifications," it was stated at police headquarters today on behalf of Commissioner Waldo, who had before him the four precinct captains still members of the force who were accused by Purcell. They were questioned regarding the gambler's allegations that they took money in return for protection of Purcell. Each of the four denied in sworn statements the truth of Purcell's charges. One of the quartet is Patrick J. Cray, brother-in-law of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall. The others are Thomas F. Maude, Patrick Corcoran and Fred W. Martens.

Purcell did not tell his whole story on the stand yesterday it was learned from the district attorney's office. The rest of it will be reserved for the extraordinary grand jury which will resume its work Monday.

District Attorney Whitman plans to seek, first, the indictment of Police Captain Thomas Walsh, under suspension since confessing he shared in graft collected by Patrolman Eugene Fox; second, the indictment of an official at headquarters, a man suspected as the source of a fund raised to keep George A. Sipp, a disorderly hotel keeper, from testifying before the grand jury against Walsh prior to the latter's confession. Mr. Whitman has deferred for the time being his purpose to seek the indictment of Inspector Dennis Sweeney, under suspension since Walsh accused him of having split graft money with him.

After Walsh and the headquarters official have been indicted, if that takes place, testimony against Inspector Sweeney will be heard by the jury, which will then take up the allegations of Purcell, who will be corroborated, according to the district attorney, by witnesses whose names have not been disclosed. This is expected to lead to many more indictments.

Doctors Said He Had Dropsy

Some time ago I had an attack of grippe which finally settled in my kidneys and bladder. I doctored with the doctors and they claimed I had dropsy. I tried other remedies and got no relief from any of them. My condition was such that I was unable to work for about two months, and the annoying symptoms caused me a great deal of trouble and pain. I was hardly able to turn over in bed. Seeing one of your Almanacs, I decided to give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root a trial and after taking several bottles was able to resume my work again. I cannot say too much in praise of your Swamp-Root, as the results in my case were truly wonderful.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT BALLARD,
Mansfield, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 7th day of May, 1912.
RAY C. LONGBOTHUM,
Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You

Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing be sure and mention The Baltimore Sunday American. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

TAFT BIDS THEM FAREWELL

Speaks at University Club Dinner to College Men.

Washington, February 8. — President Taft said his farewell to Washington college men tonight at the annual dinner of the University Club, of which he is a member.

In recognition of his service as first president of the University Club, President Taft was presented with a golden key to admit him at all times to the newly opened clubhouse.

Just before Mr. Taft arose to accept the gift he heard himself characterized by Col. George Harvey, of New York, as "the worst-licked, the least-sore and the best-liked of all our presidents."

Colonel Harvey spoke on the relationship of the university to public service. "Here we have a university about to confer a president upon the country and the country in gracious requital about to bestow a president upon a university," he remarked. "Theoretically it would seem to be a fair exchange. Meanwhile, we have a yet more striking illustration of the present tendency of the body politic to stretch forth arms and hands to the university in time of need. Within a few days, the entire, undivided, solid Republican electoral vote will be cast for Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, for vice president of the United States. Now, if it really is a fact that the mind or impulse of the nation is turning, consciously or unconsciously, to the university for development of public service, it is a fact of great moment and of great promise."

MARINE KILLS HIMSELF

William Snyder Fires Bullet Into His Heart in Annapolis.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Annapolis, Md., February 8.—Because of alleged domestic difficulties, William Snyder, a private in the United States Marine Service, committed suicide here late tonight by shooting himself through the heart. The marine lived with his wife and child in a house on Cornhill street.

Snyder returned from Nicaragua a short while ago, where he had been stationed for some time. Since then he had spent most of his time at the barracks, but each night visited his wife and child in their home. Snyder went to his home shortly before 10 o'clock tonight and while his wife was in another part of the house, he placed a 32-calibre revolver against his breast and pulled the triger. Mrs. Snyder heard the report and the sound of his body as it struck the floor and immediately ran to the room. Snyder was still struggling convulsively, but died within a few minutes. The revolver was found on the far side of the room.

JUDGE BROWN PROMOTED

Taft Appoints Him to Succeed Senator-elect Le Baron B. Colt.

Washington, February 8. — President Taft sent to the Senate today the nomination of Arthur L. Brown, United States district judge for Rhode Island, to be circuit judge in the First circuit, succeeding Le Baron B. Colt, elected to the United States Senate.

At the same time he nominated Charles C. Mumford, an attorney at Providence, to succeed Judge Brown on the district bench. Mr. Mumford was a judge of the Superior Court of Rhode Island for four years.

TUMULTY AT WHITE HOUSE

Wilson's Secretary Visits Offices and Greets Taft.

Washington, February 8.—President-elect Wilson's secretary, Joseph P. Tumulty, today inspected the White House offices. He brought a personal message of greeting from the President-elect to Mr. Taft and said he expected to keep the personnel of the White House office force intact for several months, at least. Mr. Tumulty's tour of inspection closed with a march into the ranks of a battery of cameras and moving-picture machines.

New Bank for Libertytown.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Frederick, Md., February 8.—Articles of incorporation of the People's Bank of Libertytown were filed today at the clerk's office for record and this marks the initial step taken toward having a bank at Libertytown, to replace the one recently closed by the State Banking Commissioner. The incorporators of the new banking company are: James M. Sappington, B. F. Hammaker, Maurice F. Starr and Milton Carter, of Frederick county, and S. Raymond Senseney, of Carroll county. The articles of incorporation state the purpose is to conduct a bank at Libertytown and sets forth that there will be a capital stock of $10,000 divided into 1,000 shares of $10 each. The articles are approved by J. Dukes Downes, state banking commissioner of Maryland, and by Chief Judge Hammond Urner.

Prof. Corey's Bungalow Burned.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Hyattsville, Md., February 8. — The handsome bungalow just completed by Prof. Ernest M. Corey, assistant entomologist in College Park, occupied yesterday for the first time by the owner, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Professor Corey and his wife and the latter's brother (John Elder) were obliged to jump from the bedroom windows in scant clothing to escape the flames. It is supposed that the fire originated from an overheated furnace, as it started in the neighborhood of the cellar. The house cost $4,000. A small lot of furniture in Professor and Mrs. Corey's bedroom was saved.

Marshall Was Surprised.

Chandler, Ariz., February 8.—Vice President-elect Thomas R. Marshall motored over from his father-in-law's ranch late today and was surprised to meet Elon Hooker, national treasurer of the Progressive party. The Roosevelt purser and the Democratic sub-chief faced each other across the dinner table.

On a Hunger Strike.

Dublin, February 8.—The three suffragettes who were sentenced recently to a month's hard labor for an attack on the windows of Dublin Castle are now on a hunger strike. Mrs. Hopkins, one of them, is in such a serious condition that she was released today and sent to a hospital.

J. F. C. Talbott Appointed.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, February 8.—Representative Talbott was today named by Speaker Clark as one of the board of visitors of the Naval Academy on the part of the House of Representatives. His colleagues on the board are Representatives Witherspoon, of Mississippi, and Roberts, of Massachusetts.

HOUSE PASSES THE WEBB BILL

Konig Only Maryland Man to Vote Against It.

A BIG MAJORITY IS FOR IT

ACTION ENDED STUBBORN ALL-DAY FIGHT.

Measure, Substituted by the House for the Kenyon-Sheppard Bill, Prohibits Interstate Shipments of Liquor Into Dry States—The Antisaloon League Receives Its Answer—Special Rule Brought in to Consider It Is Attacked by Both Republicans and Democrats.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
1410 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, February 8.

The Maryland men in the House of Representatives all declared themselves on the prohibition issue today. All of them, with the exception of Mr. Koenig, of Baltimore, voted for the Webb bill, which, like the Kenyon-Sheppard bill to be considered in the Senate next Monday, forbids the shipment through interstate commerce of intoxicating liquors into dry states. The bill, somewhat amended, finally passed the House this evening by an overwhelming majority, the vote being 240 to 65.

The bill is not a radical measure—indeed, its only importance lies in the fact that the vote caused every member of the House of Representatives to show his constituents at home where he stood. The Antisaloon League of Baltimore, which has for many months sought in vain to make some of the Maryland men, notably Mr. Talbott, declare their attitude, received its answer today.

NOW UP TO SENATE.

On Monday the Senate may face the same ordeal. Mr. Kenyon will call up his bill at 3 o'clock and a vote must be taken at 6 o'clock. If a vote is reached, both the Maryland senators will probably be recorded in favor of the bill. But the Kenyon bill may be crowded aside by an appropriation bill, in which case a vote may not and probably will not be reached during this session.

The passage of the bill ended one of the most stubbornly fought all-day contests of this Congress. Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, author of a Senate measure of the same general purpose, sat in the House most of the day watching the fight, which opened with a contest over the rule to bring up the Webb bill. Representatives of organized antisaloon advocates sat in the members' galleries and kept tally on the roll-calls.

BITTER ATTACKS.

Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, criticised his fellow Democratic leaders for not devoting more time to essential appropriation bills. Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, Republican, said this Democratic House would go down in history as one of "masterly inactivity." Representative Mann, of Illinois, characterized as "flim flam" the bringing up of the bill at this time. Former Speaker Cannon declared that the states should regulate traffic themselves. Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, Socialist, contended that all great men, from Julius Caesar down to Cannon, were temperate drinkers. Representative Sherley, of Kentucky, attacked the validity of the bill, and Representative Rucker, of Missouri, said he represented numerous constituents whose homes had been wrecked by liquor.

All amendments offered to the bill were rejected. One of these would have substituted the bill already passed by the Senate, and another would have added a penalizing clause with fine and imprisonment provisions, which some members declared would have made the measure unconstitutional.

SENATORS ARE EXONERATED

Committee Acts on Charges Against Watson and Chilton.

Washington, February 8.—Senators Watson and Chilton, of West Virginia, are completely exonerated of the charge of corruption in connection with elections two years ago in a report decided upon today by the Senate Elections Committee.

"The only charge was traceable to the assertion by Delegate L. G. Shock, of the West Virginia legislature, that he had been paid $1,000 and promised more if he would vote for the two senators. He has retracted the charge, and with that retraction the entire accusation falls to the ground," said Chairman Dillingham today, explaining the course taken by the committee.

Would Eliminate Hog Cholera.

Washington, February 8.—Senator Cummins, offering an amendment today to the Agricultural Appropriation Bill, proposed a comprehensive state and federal campaign for the elimination of hog cholera, a disease against which the federal government has been fighting many years. Senator Cummins has asked for an appropriation of $100,000 to enable the government and the states to co-operate along definite lines of joint activity.

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